

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: May 17-18, 2023

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.6g.(9), Action Item

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Subject: **SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS ALLOCATION FOR A TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL
CAPITAL PROGRAM – (2018:19) VALLEY RAIL (PHILLIPS SIDING
REHABILITATION) (PPNO CP035G)
RESOLUTION TIRCP-2223-66S**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a request for an additional \$443,000 for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) phase of the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) (2018:19) Valley Rail (Phillips Siding Rehabilitation) component (PPNO CP035G), in Sacramento County?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission approve a request for an additional \$443,000 for the PS&E phase of the TIRCP (2018:19) Valley Rail (Phillips Siding Rehabilitation) component (PPNO CP035G), in Sacramento County.

BACKGROUND:

In January 2021, the Commission approved an allocation of \$7,913,000 for the (2018:19) Valley Rail (Final Design) project. In June 2021, under Resolution TIRCP-2021-31, the project title was updated to (2018:19) Valley Rail (Trackwork and Stations: Lodi, City College, Midtown, Natomas Station and Layover facility and UPRR Track Work). In August 2022, under Resolution TIRCP-2223-01, the Commission approved to separate the (2018:19) Valley Rail (Trackwork and Stations: Lodi, City College, Midtown, Natomas Station and Layover facility and UPRR Track Work) (PPNO CP035) into seven separate components. The (2018:19) Valley Rail (Phillips Siding Rehabilitation) component (PPNO CP035G) received \$612,000 for PS&E as part of this split.

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PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

The (2018:19) Valley Rail (Phillips Siding Rehabilitation) component (PPNO CP035G), is located in Sacramento County, in the City of Elk Grove, on property owned by Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). This project, in conjunction with an adjacent expansion of Phillips Siding, will improve safety for trains in passing situations and support increased train speeds in the corridor. The track improvements to the UPRR Sacramento Subdivision are required for the implementation of Valley Rail service, including a total of seven round trips serving Sacramento.

FUNDING STATUS:

This project was originally programmed for \$612,000 for its PS&E phase. However, an additional \$443,000 is needed to complete the phase. These supplemental funds will be coming from the unallocated funding within the overall (2018:19) Valley Rail project. The proposed changes are reflected in the updated 2018 TIRCP Allocation Plan.

REASON(S) FOR THE COST INCREASE:

The increased costs stem from a change in design requested by UPRR. In September 2022, at the 25 percent design milestone, UPRR called for the track to be raised by three inches. This change required the rest of the design to change to accommodate the taller track bed. San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRRC) was required to alter the design to extend the length of five culverts by an additional 20 feet each and regrade ditches. In addition, SJRRRC needed to produce a Drainage Report showing that the tracks would not be susceptible to flooding with the altered design.

CONSEQUENCES:

Without this supplemental allocation of \$443,000, the (2018:19) Valley Rail (Phillips Siding Rehabilitation) component (PPNO CP035G) will be delayed until additional funding is secured to complete the PS&E phase. Delays in completing PS&E will also result in a delay in the construction phase of the project, which could result in higher costs for the project given the current market trend of materials and labor shortages. With the approval of these supplemental funds, the PS&E phase is expected to be completed by June 2024.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:

Be it Resolved, that an additional \$443,000 be allocated from the Budget Act of 2021, Budget Act Items 2660-301-0046R and 2660-101-0046 for the TIRCP (2018:19) Valley Rail (Phillips Siding Rehabilitation) component (PPNO CP035G).

Attachment

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2.5 Highway Financial Matters

Project #	Project Title	PPNO Program Funding Year	Item #	State Federal	State Federal Additional	State Federal Revised
Allocation Amount	Location	Fund Type	Program Codes	Current Amount by Fund Type	Amount by Fund Type	Amount by Fund Type
Recipient	Project Description	Project ID	Adv Phase			
<u>RTPA/CTC</u>						
District-County						
Supplemental Allocation - Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program						
(SB 1 Augmentation for PTA)						
Resolution TIRCP-2223-66S						
2.6g.(9)						
\$443,000	(2018:19) Valley Rail (Phillips Siding Rehabilitation).	03-CP035G				
San Joaquin	Rehabilitate Phillips siding located between just north of	TIRCP/19-20				
Regional Rail	Lambert Road and just north of Core Road south of Elk Grove.	PS&E				
Commission	<u>Outcome/Output:</u> Increase ridership through an integrated	301-0046R	\$272,000			\$272,000
<u>SACOG</u>	expansion of intercity and commuter rail service between	GGRF				
03-Sacramento	Ceres, Modesto, Stockton and Sacramento, as well as	30.20.301.100				
	between Fresno and Sacramento; and through an extension of					
	San Jose-bound commuter rail service to Sacramento.	TIRCP/19-20				
	Supplemental funds are needed to complete PS&E.	PS&E				
		101-0046	\$340,000			\$340,000
	CEQA - EIR, 10/5/2020	PTA				
	NEPA - NA,	30.10.030.200				
	Future consideration of funding approved under	TIRCP/21-22				
	Resolution E-20-130; December 2020.	PS&E				
		301-0046R	\$196,000			\$196,000
		GGRF				
	Total revised amount \$1,055,000	30.20.301.100				
	The initial allocation of \$7,913,000 was approved under	TIRCP/21-22				
	Resolution TIRCP-2021-10 in January 2021. \$612,000 was	PS&E				
	separated to this component under Resolution TIRCP-2223-07	101-0046	\$247,000			\$247,000
	in August 2022. Upon approval of this request the total	PTA				
	allocation amount for the PS&E phase of this component will	30.10.030.200				
	be \$1,055,000.	0023000191				
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